

**Teams begin cleanup of chemicals in Makati school; classes suspended indefinitely**

**Firestorm awaits Pope Benedict in his trip to Muslim Turkey**

**GMA healthier than political foes, says Bunye**

**Scrapping amusement taxes bad news for gov't rewards system, says film executive**

## Filipino couple find stardom in astronomy

By Blanche S. Rivera

THEY HAVE BEEN WATCHING THE STARS FOR so long that they eventually became stars themselves, being observed as young astronomers all over the world.

Enrico I. Aquino, 46, and his wife Isabella

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## 12 Days of Christmas costs \$75, 100 today

By Blanche S. Rivera

THE cost of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" is on the rise—again.

The total price of all the gifts listed in the Christmas carol went up 3.6 percent this year, according to PNC Financial.



**MISS EARTH BEAUTIFULS** Hil Hernandez of Chile (second from left), who was chosen Miss Earth 2004 in Sunday's coronation night in Manila, poses with the other winners (from left) Marianne Puello of Venezuela (Miss Earth-Fire), Annalisa Paski of India (Miss Earth-Air) and Catherine Oliveira of the Philippines (Miss Earth-Water). (Story on Page A18)

# Gringo sets sights on May polls

Guardians ordered to get ready

By Arlyn dela Cruz

Columnist

**SANTA ROSA CITY**—Heavily guarded and locked up behind three layers of fences in a police camp, the acknowledged leader of the Guardians sent out a clear message to his followers: Prepare for the May 2007 elections.

The Guardian leader is, of course, former Sen. Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan—a man facing charges of coup d'état and rebellion—and the message was sent out as he lay in a rooming where new members received orders on their hands and arms, drank a strange concoction of herbs, spices and brands, and sang a hymn vowing to fight for their dreams.

Invited to cover the ceremony, this reporter received the same proceedings on video and obtained a copy of an unsigned, two-page memo issued in Honasan's name in his capacity as "Grand Supreme" or GS of the Philippine Guardians Brotherhood, Inc. (PGBI).

The memo, addressed to the group's executive vice president, executive committee and national, regional, provincial and municipal heads and members, ordered



**FRESH recruits** of the Philippine Guardians Brotherhood Inc., including those active policemen, join a "brotherhood" in the final ceremony in which they pledge loyalty to deceased former Sen. Gregorio Honasan.

## Cruz rues 'senseless bickering' in gov't

By Dona Z. Paredes

Columnist

**OUTGOING DEFENSE SECRETARY** Arroyo Cruz it seems saying "no" among the most difficult things he had to do in his position as President Macapagal-Arroyo's Cabinet.

Cruz said he had witnessed a number of political vendettas and "senseless bickering," but nevertheless looked back to his time as one of his Arroyo's closest advisers as an "edifying experience."

Cruz mentioned his "irrevocable resignation" effective Nov. 30 after a bitter fight with at least three other Cabinet officials. This followed the Supreme Court's rejection last month of the people's initiative petition to reform the Commission and adopt the parliamentary system.

"One of the things I learned in government is I learned to know when to move, when to stay, and when to move on," the 53-year-old Cruz said yesterday in his last

CRUZ/STAFF/AL

## Senators willing to abolish pork if GMA gives up discretionary fund

By Juliet Laking-Javelina

Columnist

**SENATORS ARE AMENABLE** to the abolition of their pork barrel (President Macapagal-Arroyo is willing to forgo the multi-billion peso fund at her disposal, Senate President Manuel Villar said yesterday).

"The last, my opinion if there is no more pork barrel for everyone but this should include the President," Villar said in an RPN radio interview.

But for the moment, the Senators can cut the P9.1 billion allocation

in the Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAR), more popularly known as the pork barrel, which the House of Representatives insisted in the proposed P1.126-billion national budget for 2007.

The pork barrel finances the pet projects of legislators. Though the money is not directly assigned to senators and members of the House, the pork barrel is believed to be a source of kickbacks for lawmakers. The kickbacks come from contractors who bag the projects.

The P9.1 billion in the PDAR

approved by the House was an increase over the P6.2 billion set aside for the fund by Malabon when it submitted its proposed budget to the House.

A leading Sen. Milton Deloso-Santiago yesterday took to the Senate floor to denounce the House of Representatives for denouncing its "sensationalism" and of increasing the P1.26-billion budget for 2007.

Santiago, aided by the statement of Rep. Jose Ma. Saldaña, House appropriations committee

SEN/STAFF/AL

## Another farmer-leader killed

By Wilmar Vayya Jr.

Columnist

and Blanche S. Rivera in Manila

**PUSUGANGMAO CITY**—Two weeks after the killing of a leader of a farmers' group in Cagayan, another farmer-leader was gunned down in Cagayan town on Monday.

Anthony Licayco, chair of the Cagayan Dagupan Marikina (CDM) in Cagayan Valley (Baguio), was on his way to his farm in Vito

Turk in Barangay Gadenan, Cagayan, where a large crowd gathered to see the body of the slain Licayco, 38, was carried by his own and a half-year-old son, James, when he was strangled, said Regional Legislative secretary general of Baguio, Alvinson Makabayan (Bayan) in Cagayan Valley. The boy, however, was unharmed.

Baguianon is an affiliate of

the militant farmers' group Kilusang Magbibilang ng Pilipino (KMP).

Carl Alo, KMP spokesperson, described as "senseless" the killing of Licayco, the 37th farmer-leader of the KMP and the 79th militant to be killed by suspected military agents since 2001, when President Macapagal-Arroyo assumed power. The incident tally showed 256 militants killed since 2001.

ANOTHER/AL

## ASEAN SUMMIT PROTESTS

# Militant groups warn of 'Battle of Mactan'

By Michael Lim-Uber

Columnist

**WARNING OF A REPEAT OF THE** historic "Battle of Mactan," militants were warned by Justice Secretary Raul Gonzales's demands that they will be led to the streets if they tried to disrupt the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) summit next month.

"Gonzales's statement further stokes resistance from activists here and abroad," said Rep. Rafael Mariano of Iloilo.

"People's movements around the world are stirred in the struggle and cannot be moved by Gonzales's ridiculous remarks."

Mariano, along with Representatives Jose Wicac of Baguio and Jose Ma. Saldaña of Cebu, said the justice secretary's statements would provoke militant groups of the resistance against the Spanish explorer Ferdinand Mag-

ellan on Mactan's shores in 1521.

"If the Battle of Mactan less than five centuries ago was directed against foreign domination, to upcoming people in December is also against US imperialist plunder and militarism," Mariano said.

He said he expected President Macapagal-Arroyo, "as the US proxy in the Asean region, to advance her imperialist master's agenda during the summit-to-foster strengthen US hegemony in the region."

Gonzales said even the worst case that a contingency of 10,000 riot police would throw up an "iron curtain" when Asean leaders gather in Cebu City for their 12th summit on Dec. 10-13, and protesters trying to disrupt the meeting would be thrown "in" to the Mactan Strait and for the sharks to eat them alive.

MILITANTS/AL

## Home at last for rare 'Noli,' 'Fili' copies



By Joseph R. Uy

Columnist

**A VISITOR WOULD THINK THEY WERE** museum pieces, so closely guarded were they two men in red uniforms and berets.

They were, in a sense, priceless.

Two men in red uniforms and berets were seen in the sixth floor grand hall of a Manila hotel.

Each of the two men carried a copy of Jose Rizal's two most seminal novels that inspired the Philippine Revolution against Spanish colonial rule—and they were home at last.

More than a century old, they are the earliest copies of "Noli Me Tange" and "El Filibusterismo."

After 25 years of a search in Spain by the publisher and owner of Rizal Publishing House Inc., Ginebra, the books are finally with the people whose journey to the first inspired Rizal to write them.

"I feel very privileged to have been able to bring these books and share them with fellow Filipinos in order to help them rediscover the birth of our nation and reconnect with our Filipino culture," Vidal said the day before yesterday during the Telusano, a gathering of P&G

**PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo views the national hero Jose Rizal's historic novels on exhibit at the Hyatt Hotel and Casino in Manila.**

JOHN LACUNA

HOME/AL/STAFF/AL

# GMA healthier than foes – Bunye

By Christine G. Arellano

FOR SOMEONE HUMORED TO BE ILL, President Macapagal-Arroyo showed rary a trace of sickness as she restarted her back-breaking schedule yesterday.

The President left St. Luke's Medical Center in Quezon City at 3:30 a.m. after a five-day routine medical checkup and quickly made two public appearances, beginning a forum in a Manila hotel and visiting a franchisee's hangout where she mingled with customers and enjoyed her favorite food.

Her行程 was reported to end for day having a dinner for an international organization, the second of three planned to discuss the Makabansang. From camp again to go for a constitutional amendment to amend the Constitution.

"I can say without fear of overstatement that the President is healthier and stronger than most of her detractors," her spokesman, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye, told reporters at a briefing yesterday.

The President left St. Luke's with her first health check-up. Bunye said that the President's health is "excellent" and that she is "stronger than most of her detractors."

"Everything was normal," Bunye said at a news conference on Sunday. He said his doctor had only been told to take a little rest.

His doctor was hospitalized for two days in late April after suffering from acute infection, which doctors said was not life-threatening. She was back at the hospital a month later with the same condition.

"There is nothing new," Bunye said. "There's just a lot of stress going around, but I don't think the President will have any more health problems."

Constitutional amendments, however, did not stop Bunye from speaking.



PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo and Vice President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo walk in the lobby of St. Luke's Medical Center after their two-day comprehensive medical checkup. They are accompanied by St. Luke's medical director Dr. Jesus Cansino and the President's attending physician Dr. Juan Lopez-Carpenter.

Telamon Tapia, Philippine President at the United Hotel and Casino in Manila and her sister-in-law, Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, said that the President's health is "excellent" and that she is "stronger than most of her detractors."

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## Lopez says high electricity cost driving away investors from RP

THE HIGH COST OF ELECTRICITY IS DRIVING AWAY hundreds of foreign investors from the Philippines, leading to huge job losses and economic stagnation, says private utility officials said yesterday.

Industry leader Oscar Lopez urged the government to slash taxes and regulate, and to give subsidies for the costs of the new generation capacity expansion that he said has plagued the sector since 1995.

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## NTC chief quits post

By Rita C. Chikara

THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS Commission (NTC) is up for a leadership change next month after its top official announced yesterday he was resigning.

Commissioner Ronald O. Solis said the decision to step down was his own choice and that he was not resigning because of the NTC's financial problems.

Solis said he would like to return to private life and his family.

He, however, did not reveal the reason for his abrupt resignation, which came on the heels of the Philippines' election to the International Telecommunication Union, a U.N. agency for telecommunications.

The Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) is up for a leadership change next month after its top official announced yesterday he was resigning.



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# EU envoy's statement on return of death penalty peeves Joker

By T. B. B. B.

ADMINISTRATION SAYS, ASKED AMBASSADOR yesterday to demand the European Council to suspend the death penalty in the Philippines, saying that the country's adoption of an anti-death penalty law is a step in the right direction.

"It is unconstitutionally unconstitutional, as we have to implement it," Ambassador to the European Union, saying, "It is not a step in the right direction, it is a step in the wrong direction."

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# PSG tasked to guard other Asean leaders

By Abrian Papa

THE ULTIMATE PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY Group (UPSG) will not only protect President Macapagal-Arroyo during her traverses of Southeast Asia, but also protect other Asean leaders in the Philippines, including the president-elect, or successor-elect, as well.

In a memo issued yesterday, Philippine Inland Police Director General Oscar Callesman said the agency's forces were ready for the mission and ready.

"We, as we go, we are ahead of schedule in implementing our security preparations. All personnel and resources are in place," he said.

The armed forces of the Philippines Central Command will be tasked a support group under Task Force Delta.

Not only the Asean leaders but also members of their delegations will be protected as well, Callesman said.

He said "to assure coverage of

price persons" had been gathered under Task Group Delta headed by Chief Supt. Alfredo Alcala to provide security to all the delegations from the 10 Asean member states and all non-member observer states.

Alcala said, however, he will not place any place when delegations may gather will be secured, Callesman said.

He said all security personnel recently completed extensive courses on SOP as well as public order, crowd control, riot control, and other related matters.

He said the police recently assigned hundreds of new patrol cars, motorcycles, support vehicles, mobile communication units and other equipment.

For another year-long celebration of Asean's 30th anniversary, he said the police will be in the front lines to ensure the success of the event.

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## PDI choir, 5 others hold Bonifacio Day concert

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## Army says 3 NPAs slain in clash

**MANILA, Nov. 27**—At least three suspected communist rebels were killed in a clash with government soldiers in mountain villages here and in nearby Cagayan on Monday night, army and police reports said.

In Ege, Isabela, a commander of the 4th Infantry Division, said soldiers led by 2nd Lt. Jose Benito clashed with a group led by one Ra Ramel in Isabela's mountainous Benguet Province.

Late in the night in Cagayan, led by 2nd Lt. Antonio Pina, engaged the remaining rebels. Gen. Benito, Isabela said, also broke out in the mountain areas in Benguet's Tuguegarao and Marikina here and in Benguet's Marikina in

Cagayan province. Soldiers recovered three M-16 rifles and six M-14 rifles from the communist army, he said. Benito identified the slain rebels as former del Puerto office for Benguet in Marikina, one Ka Benito and one Ka Benito.

They belonged to about 400 rebels active in the city's villages.

Isabela reported no dead or wounded soldiers or civilians.

The 4th and 5th divisions in Marikina have not confirmed the soldiers' claims.

High. Police Cagayan, city police chief, said police operations were ongoing at 10 p.m. Monday. Two soldiers' bodies were sent to the city to help the ground troops.

General Joseph Ortiz said about 300 members of the Philippine National Police were engaged in the village's operations by day of the clash.

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RESIDENTS of Benguet village in Marikina, Cagayan, look at a large oil spill in the water. The spill was caused by a tanker ship that ran aground on a reef. The spill is estimated to be 100,000 liters of oil.

170 experts gather for oil spill conference

By Hector E. Sison Jr. **Manila**

MANILA, Nov. 27—At least 170 experts and environmentalists will convene here to discuss the oil spill and its impact on the environment at a two-day symposium.

The results of the symposium will be used as a basis to come up with proposals for response to oil spills and incidents that will determine the effectiveness of institutional efforts.

The symposium is organized by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the local government of Marikina.

The participants will focus on key issues and scientific developments in oil spill response, physical-chemical and biological, socio-economic and health, which will be discussed in various groups.

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## What did Eggie tell Letty that made her laugh?



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## 6 sued for killing of solon's guard

**MANILA, Nov. 27**—Six men were charged with the killing of a police officer in a police station in Marikina, Cagayan, on Monday.

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MORE than 1,000 Baguio residents rally to the business district of the city against the parking operation of private Corp. One protester wears his message on his head.

## Baguio folk rally to drive away pay parking from city

**BAGUIO CITY**—CHIEF EXECUTIVE, members of a citizens group and activists staged the state office of a pay parking from last week and occupied the lowest property at Baguio City to drive away pay parking from the city.

Calling themselves the "Citizens Against Pay Parking" (CAPP), the group has made the city office of the city and has started occupying them.

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## Rescuers fail to find survivors of sinking

**MANILA CITY**—RESCUERS searching the sea off Baguio City have found no signs of more survivors, more than two days after the M/V Lungsang I sank on its way to Baguio Island, Baguio City Mayor Alfonso Garcia said Tuesday.

"There was no sighting of any additional survivors or dead bodies," he said.

At least 14 people were confirmed dead in the sinking while 60 others have been rescued. Garcia said the bodies of the victims were being recovered, saying to 17 the last number of those whose fate has remained un-

known, including Mayor Arlyn Bionera of Del Carmen, Baguio del Norte.

The two were identified as late Captain Jose L. Cruz, and his son, Jose L. Cruz.

Authorities had difficulty in identifying the exact number of passengers. The boat's manifest listed only 40, Garcia said.

But he said rescuers were not losing hope of finding more survivors.

"Searching in the search sector, there is still a lot of hope of finding more survivors," he said.

Garcia said efforts were being

double as a major highway was reported to be the province.

"I ordered them to find out the exact location of the boat," he said.

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Secretary  
Department of Budget and Management

## 10 villages in Davao Sur reeling from aphid attack

**DAVAO CITY**—THE BRIBIONS of aphids in Davao Sur, Davao del Sur, has resulted with the number of affected villages rising to 10, agriculture officials said.

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TWO MEMBERS of a cleanup team with secured the San Mateo National High School in Makati City, where a cabinet full of chemicals spilled on Sunday afternoon. Cleanup in the school has been suspended indefinitely.

## 9 in hospital after mishap

By Terro V. Quiamonde

RECOVERY TEAMS DRESSED IN SUICIDE chemical suits equipped with oxygen tanks, protective masks, gloves and footwear descended on the campus of the San Mateo National High School in Makati City yesterday to begin the cleanup of hazardous chemicals that had spilled inside the school laboratory.

The cleanup teams, four hours into the cleanup, said they had found a cabinet containing different chemicals, which had been knocked over the wall, left at around 1 p.m. Sunday, following a minor quake.

Incidents who caused the situation could damage and decontamination of the 3-story school building located at the corner of Avenue 1 and 2, San Mateo, Makati City.

The area around the school was promptly cordoned off after the accident, and officials announced the school's suspension of classes.

Nine persons—five teachers, two campus security guards and two students living near the school—have been taken after being exposed to the chemicals. Nine 20 families living within 50 meters of the school have also been evacuated while nearby families are being evacuated while nearby families are being evacuated.

"When we finish isolating the spilled chemicals, we will start decontaminating the area and decontamination of the chemicals in the area before we undertake decontamination procedures. The operations may take two weeks, depending on the amount, type and level of contamination," said Chief Insp. Jose Tandang, team leader of the BFP Special Hazard Unit who led the first recovery team that went inside the school.

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"Don't touch anything and move out of the area, but don't go home. To decontaminate yourself, use distilled water," said Jennings of the ERC, a non-governmental organization composed of experienced safety and emergency experts.

"To our building area, you should check yourself for signs and symptoms. Do you have any powder chemical on you? Are you feeling dizziness or are you dizzy?" he said.

Those who exhibit symptoms of contamination must go to the nearest hospital to have themselves checked, Jennings added. Jennings further instructed a bus and/or ambulance to take any kind of chemical to the hospital.

# Chemical spill cleanup underway in Makati school

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## What to do in case of a spill

By Terro V. Quiamonde

IN THE EVENT THAT CHEMICALS ACCIDENTALLY spill close to you, you must, first, leave your house out of the way and immediately leave the house.

Local Jennings, director of Emergency Response Center (ERC), gave the advice to people who might find themselves in a situation similar to that which occurred inside the San Mateo National High School in Makati City (see story above).

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TURKISH Islamists gathered in Istanbul on Nov. 24 to rally against the opening visit of Pope Benedict XVI from Nov. 28 to Dec. 1.

# The World

## Firestorm awaits Pontiff in his trip to Muslim Turkey

Editor Laurence E. Seaton

ISTANBUL, TURKEY—TENS OF THOUSANDS OF protesters denounced Pope Benedict XVI as an enemy of Islam at a rally that highlighted the deep strains in Turkey before hosting the pontiff this week. Officials hoping to promote their Western-looking goals, while pro-Islamic groups unite in anger.

Chants of "No to the Pope" rose among the nearly 25,000 demonstrators standing at every section of the Pope's route to his residence and the Prophet Mohammed. Many protesters were headbashed with anti-Pope slogans and waved placards that included a depiction of Benedict as the great enemy.

The protest, organized by an Islamic political party, was the largest mass gathering so far against Benedict's five-day visit scheduled to begin Tuesday. An elite papal journey is severely Muslim nation, Turkey, any also are designed to make Turkey's credentials.

Turkish officials hope to use the visit to show his friendship for Turkey and its people.

"Starting right now, I want to send a message growing to the Turkish people, that in history we have been together. In these people and the representatives I express feelings of respect and sincere friendship," he said in his news address.

A visit to Istanbul's famous Fatih mosque, or the Mosque was added to the Pope's itinerary in the last few days, even as a further attempt at reconciliation with the Muslim world.

The Pope's visit has two distinct—and difficult—objectives: trying to calm Muslim anger and at same efforts to lead a nearly 1,000-year divide in Christianity between the Western and Orthodox churches.

## Gaza ceasefire holding despite Palestinian rockets to Israel

GAZA CITY—A CEASEFIRE IN the Gaza Strip was holding steady after Israel's early Sunday morning attack on Gaza, but the ceasefire was shaky since when Palestinian militants fired a salvo of rockets in the fourth day, but the Palestinians fired in which in the West Bank.

An armed Palestinian activist said a rocket was fired Sunday in an Israeli army operation near Jenin in the north of the West Bank, in an air and ground assault.

The attack on the Israeli town of Jenin, around 10 kilometers and was condemned by both the Hamas-led government and Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas but marked an escalation in the conflict.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the rocket was fired in the evening days, and he had ordered the army not to respond.

Israeli army said, but it launched the military establishment, not to respond.

The cease-fire was again extended to include the West Bank, with Palestinian authorities announcing that they were now looking into a "cease-fire" with Israel after meeting in Cairo, Egypt.

"We agreed to stay in contact and put in place plans and programs which guarantee a ground, ground and lasting period of calm in the region," he said.

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## Australia gov't cleared by Iraq bribes probe

SYDNEY—THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT has been cleared of Iraqi bribery by a report into the purchase of Iraqi oil by the Iraq regime of Saddam Hussein.

The report recommended, however, that the investigation of the current extent of the Iraq regime's corruption be continued.

"I found no evidence that it was any more corrupt than the rest of the world," the report said. "I found no evidence that it was any more corrupt than the rest of the world," the report said.

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## Russian ex-spy passed on dossier on Yukos takeover

LONDON—FORMER RUSSIAN SPY ALEXANDER Litvinenko, who died in London last week, passed on a dossier on the takeover of Yukos, a Russian oil company, to British intelligence.

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playoff hole to  
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# Asiad bowlers capable of 5 golds

By Phyllis Anthony Reyes

PURPOSE OF AN ALL-STAR team, the Philippine bowling team to Tokyo Asian Games is capable of winning as many as the gold medals given the right breaks, officials said yesterday.

"Given the good line conditions, our team is capable of winning three and even five gold medals. Every year in the team can exist at any given time," said FPO

president and Philippine Bowling Congress chief Steve L. Bantayan, that a lot depends on the conditions of the lanes, especially the oil pattern to be used in the Asian tournaments, he added.

"The field is going to be very tough but we are holding the strongest possible team and the best bowlers we have," said Bantayan.

The 12-man team is headed by four-time World Cup champion



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on and Hall of Famer Steve Negropoulos, who will also captain the RP flag during the opening



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team on Dec. 1.

Facing an 82 bowlers representing the country's lone bowling

gold in the team's debut in 2002

in the men's division.

Bantayan failed to make it to the RP squad this time, but Negropoulos will be backed up by seasoned players like 2003 Southeast Asian Games Men's champion Markwin, the 2003 World Cup champion (21 titles, 2002 Asian Games, Bantayan, 1993) and Steve Negropoulos, who will also captain the country's lone bowling

team.

The ladies squad is also capable of winning golden wire with 2002 Masters champion Lisa Chiu, twice winning Asian and World titles, championing players like Gao Jing and Lisa de la Cruz, promising youngsters Apple Pineda and veteran players like Steve Negropoulos.

The team leaves tomorrow for Japan.



KUWAIT'S Doha Mubarak lights for the rebound with Steve Negropoulos of Kazakhstan during the men's Group D round basketball game of the 15th Asian Games.

## Biggest batch of Doha-bound nets off today

By June Marcano

A PERSONAL WELCOME AWAITED THE BIGGEST BATCH OF Philippine athletes and officials when they arrive in Doha, Qatar, for the 15th Asian Games on Dec. 1.

Chief of Mission William "Boss" Bantayan and Vice President and their families in the all-star Gulf nation will roll out the red carpet to welcome the RP delegates from bowling, basketball, badminton, chess, gymnastics, shooting, wrestling, tennis, martial arts, judo, and other sports.

Let by Deputy chief of mission Mario Tanchanco, the arrival batch of athletes for the Asian Games includes: basketball, tennis, badminton, and martial arts, a psychologist and a media liaison officer.

"Bantayan is going to represent the athletes they arrive here," said Bantayan in an event, state phone interview with the Philippine Daily Inquirer.

Bantayan said Philippine ambassador to Qatar Juan B. Regalado has authorized hundreds of overseas Filipino workers and their families to receive the athletes and officials upon their arrival.

Bantayan said several air words

welcoming Philippine athletes in the middle of the morning in the south of the highway leading to the apartments of the RP delegates inside the athletes' village.

"This is a warm reception. This will be the first time we will have an athlete and coaches when they feel the hospitality of the Qatari and we will have a warm reception," said Bantayan.

The RP delegates from the 15th Asian Games will arrive in Doha on Thursday along with athletes and coaches from cycling (road) and rowing.

A total of six athletes and coaches from swimming, diving, judo, table tennis and basketball will arrive tomorrow.

The entire bowling team led by opening ceremony flag-bearer Steve Negropoulos will depart on Thursday along with athletes and coaches from cycling (road) and rowing.

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## Iraq XI replaces Iran; Syria heads qualifiers

IRRAQ, QATAR — IRAQI FIVE QUICKLY took the soccer association at the Asian Games on Sunday, while Syria, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan played their way into next week's qualifiers for the World Cup.

Iraq's chance of reaching the Asian Games final tournament improved after it replaced suspended defending champion Iran at the semi-final. It was the second round of the tournament.

The Asian Games soccer tournament will start on Sunday. The tournament will be held in Doha, Qatar.

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the Games help due to heightened political tensions in the territory.

Soccer world governing body FIFA on Wednesday suspended Iran from international soccer for failing to cooperate in disarmament, production, and security of the independent of member nations.

Iran's soccer team was suspended from the 2002 Asian Games and was forced to qualify for the next round. Last week's withdrawal of Iran and Kazakhstan from the second round of the Asian XI over issues that affect the eight teams have progressed.

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## Asian Games-bound netters tangle today



AP ANKLA: Ready for Doha

ASIAN GAMES-BOUND netters tangle today in the men's volleyball final. The match will be held in Doha, Qatar.

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## Castro proves worth in boxoff with Tañamor

By Dennis U. Eric

Local sports editor

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## Investors snap up RTBs worth P6B

### Rate set at 5.87%; gov't eyes sale of P14B in additional securities

By Michele V. Nolas

THE GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY sold P6 billion worth of Retail Treasury Bonds at a rate much lower than the yields of previously issued RTBs.

The coupon rate for the new RTB, which has a four-year maturity, was set at 5.87 percent. This was lower than the 7.25 percent coupon rate for the RTBs issued last year, the 10 percent rate for those that matured last July and the 11 percent that will mature in December.

The newly issued government securities were oversubscribed, as orders reached P9.71 billion, compared with the government's initial debt offering of only P6 billion.

The Bureau of the Treasury will sell a total of P20 billion worth of RTBs. Yesterday's auction for the P6 billion worth of RTBs was intended primarily to meet the interest rate.

Northern Treasurer Cesar Gray said the government would conduct a midsize RTB

sale tomorrow. With P6 billion already sold yesterday, P4 billion in additional securities would be sold through the midweek.

Gray said the midsize sale was necessary so that investors would understand why RTBs now only carry a much lower interest rate. "The goal is to explain that to investors why the rate has gone down," Gray said. "Good luck that we're different from today."

With the government's much improved fiscal position and the downward inflation rate, the drop in interest rates was a natural consequence, he added.

"Fiscal position is positive, and the government is now quite ahead of [its] fiscal program," United Nations resident adviser Antonio Guterres said in a letter to the president. "The government's strong position in the capital market, as evidenced by the RTB sale, is a testament to the government's sound fiscal management and its commitment to macroeconomic stability."

Gray said at least P10 billion of the P20 billion RTBs to be issued should be sold to individuals rather than institutional investors. RTBs, unlike other government securities, do not require a minimum investment of P25,000 to encourage individual investors.

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Over half a million college grads unemployed (July 2008 Labor Force Survey, in thousands)

Nearly one in every five unemployed (19.2 percent) who is a college graduate, while an almost similar percentage (19.1 percent) had some college education. Unemployed Filipinos who have at least secondary school level total 1,082,000, or 58 percent of that total 1.8 million unemployed registered in July.



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 Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics  
 Data: Philippine Statistics Authority

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## RP considers settling ODA obligations ahead of time

AS THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO REFINANCE its debt, the government may begin to settle some of its obligations acquired through official development assistance (ODA).

Northern Treasurer Cesar Gray said the government's ongoing fiscal condition has allowed it to settle some ODA debt of country. He said authorities would

have to study which obligations could be paid in advance, as the credit terms of some ODA do not allow prepayment.

"If there is an opportunity to pay ODA in advance, then we will do it," Gray said in a press briefing yesterday.

ODA under up a small part of the government's total foreign borrowing for the year. The first year, about P700 million of the total foreign borrowing requirement

will be covered by ODA. The Philippine government's biggest source of ODA is the Japan Bank for International Cooperation, the Asian Development Bank and the World Bank.

But unlike commercial loans, ODA carry a much lower interest rate and are normally concessional. For this reason, the government is 2007 intends to borrow P1.2 billion worth of ODA, instead

of borrowing in commercial foreign loans. The Bureau of the Treasury earlier announced that it would raise in December to roll over its debt of P1.2 billion worth of bonds under the same condition.

"This prepayment is part of the debt management strategy of the government intended to reduce its dependence on foreign borrowing," the Bureau of the Treasury earlier said. Michele S. Flores

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## Bank expects modest GDP growth in Q3

Economy also seen to grow faster in Q4

By Michael W. Morris

INVESTMENT BANKERS BELIEVE THAT the Philippine economy in the third quarter expanded by 5.2 percent, following the lead of the government's growth forecast for the sector.

The National Economic and Development authority called upon the CIB for the three months in September would likely hit anywhere between 5.2 and 5.6 percent, an increase of solid exports, higher personal consumption and recovery of the agriculture sector.

DSR agreed with the finds that personal consumption was one of the major strengths of the Philippine economy in the third quarter. 2000-based data estimates have shown Filipinos' food, which influences household purchases, grew by 14.6 percent year-on-year.

Domestic consumption would be the key driver of growth, which is helped mainly by the huge inflow of overseas remittances.

Old used as largest component of the Philippine export structure

Given the government's continued spending, brought about by efforts to cut down the budget deficit, personal consumption rather than public expenditures have been financing the economy in the past years.

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Let's face it, since the heart is the most hardworking organ of the body, we have to begin there

care of your emotional heart, the physical heart cannot beat half.

Today, let's try to simply listen to our emotions, our voices, our needs. On if you have not practiced the art of listening, try to listen to the inner old

voice you have long kept silenced in the listening over of your heart. Maybe there is one melody there meant just for you. Maybe there is a message there, one directed at you.

Start out "Without effort, turn off the noise, perhaps, distractions that keep you out of focus and all balance. Listen not the banging of the world as you do, but rather, yourself if you want from the outside will help you as the inside.

There is, then, much like a TV set or a radio, tune into a frequency you have long past passed or closed. Since our heart cannot pulse you, perhaps it is something you have always wanted to do, or to be. When mind is, automatically you will begin to ask yourself, should I or should I not?

Do it. Start your feelings, if answered on the spot, will always speak the truth to you. Even if your heart you to conversations hold you back,

grant yourself enough courage to say, "Yes, do it."

Give permission. Enjoy the right in self-love, but more importantly recognize this natural gift. As a gift, accept it by giving yourself permission to acknowledge it. Nothing and no one should hold you back, except yourself.

Celebrate. Each day you awaken alive and well is already cause for celebration! So, what are you waiting for? Celebrations also range from sharing your favorite chocolate cake with a friend to a full-blown pampering treatment at a spa. Whenever may be your choice, do something for yourself today.

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By Rowena C. Burgos

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"Abortion rates double which can be prevented if women use contraceptives," said Ryan Alford, head of the Asia Pacific Council on Contraception (APCC).

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in a band that will continue the innovative programs for producers of quality films," he explains. "The tax should be placed back in the movie industry."

The way, he says, the QC ordinance is a two-sided law reform. While local films will be taxed 0 percent, foreign films will be taxed 15 percent in QC for three years begin-

that is the highest rate on foreign films, a violation of the GATT (General Agreement on Trade and Trade) and one it be considered.

"The two systems can be justified if it is demonstrated that a (fixed) number of years, it is the same system followed in France," he says.

'Different  
isn't . . .

But "Happy Feet" remains a shoulder production in our book. One of its great few fails, and its worthy triumphs as a whole.

The video cast (Jill  
Jacobson, Nicole  
Kidman, Hugh  
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impressive, but its al-  
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anchored the nationally syndicated show "Inside Edition." After earning a master's degree in Public Administration from Harvard University, O'Reilly anchored "The O'Reilly Factor" on Fox, where he's come into his own as a hard-hitting commentator who knows the subtleties of the unfolding events—regardless of political affiliation—for whom and against he feels are corrupt, exploitive or in violation of the Constitution.



# 'Different' isn't bad—it can even be better

"HAPPY FEET" IS ONE OF THE MOST entertaining and uplifting animated features shown this year, a veritable love fest for purists and pragmatists alike.

For viewers reared on the purely empathetic characters of Mumble, an Empire prong who has the most singing voice in all literature.

It is a dream, as far as things go, to have a character supposed to have a lightning bolt fall in love with him, so they can share a family and live happily ever after.

The compromise for his lack of voice and lightning, Mumble is a terrible song dancer. (Technically, his songwriting isn't improved with his "subliminal" talent, and he is excluded from his activities.)

Mumble feels inferior and inferior—so he finds himself in another community of purists where singing talent isn't regarded as an essential element for love, acceptance and success.

The purists are smaller here, and talk and act in a distinctly Larian manner. In his own words, Mumble is by no means the social reject he was back home, and they go with over his dancing ability.

Thus does the film rarely show that standards change depending on the speed it is made, even if you're in, across "Happier" shouldn't be too high.

Even more significantly, the movie's message is that being "different" isn't necessarily a bad thing—in fact, it can even be better than the average crowd. They're a powerful, interesting and inspiring lesson for viewers to learn, and it's great that the film communicates it in simple, sensory, without preaching, and with such heart.

Unfortunately, the movie's message is lost in the end as it is followed by a sequence that isn't as effective, and takes the story too far from the heart.

Mumble is made to go to the far end of Australia to find out why the purists' risk supply has been suddenly depleted, and to do something about the problem.

What can purists do again: the giant fishing vessels that harvest a huge percentage of the country's supply of fish? That's a very opening, very far.

But the film is a happy ending that is more with fulfillment than anything else.

a document that some viewers may find discouraging, and the story happy to be truly inspiring.

On the other hand, the movie's definition could point out that this

is an unusual production, and cartoon features aren't supposed to be so serious and logical as live-action features.

For one part, however, we find

that the film's second half takes on many kinds of faith and fancy, and leaves too many questions unanswered.

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